
THE WEEKLY PAGE

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Pages Learn About Legislature

Pages write bills

On Monday and Tuesday, each page wrote a bill designed to solve a problem. Topics for bills included driving age, noise control, reduced school hours for high-schools students, and cell-phone use. They reflect real issues that affect teen-age lives in Washington State. Once bills were printed, pages solicited so-sponsor signatures.



I'm Just A Bill

Today, Senator McDonald introduced Senate bill 5001, which addresses the issue of skateboard parks. "The bill is a good one because it will keep kids from getting into trouble. It will give them a positive place to be after school and over their break," said Senator McDonald. In this bill, each city will be provided sufficient funds based upon population. These funds are meant only for the construction and planning of the skateboard park. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 6th, 2005.

Ever Been Bothered By Loud Music That You Can Feel?

Today, Representative Lesli Baker introduced House bill 2546, which addresses the issue of Loud music in cars. "The bill is a good one because it would lower the hearing problems that may occur and it would lower distractions while driving," said Representative Lesli Baker. This bill stated that all cars must have a lower volume on there radios. The bill would help this generation and ones to come. There hearing wouldn't be impaired by loud music and drivers wouldn't be distracted by vibrations coming off of the cars.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

The Solution To Headlight Glare

Today, Representative Belvin introduced House bill 1490, which addresses the issue of headlight glare. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce the possibility of many accidents," said Representative Burton. This bill recognizes that headlight glare is a growing problem. It limits the brightness of headlights so they will not get too bright. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 1 11, 2005.

The Gas Price Revolution

Today, Representative Brooks introduced House bill 1578, which addresses the issue of gas prices. "The bill is a good one because it is a bill that addresses the people of

America's problems by saving them money," said Representative Brooks. This bill will save people money not only with gas prices but will help them to pay for important things.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

Keep Our Neighborhoods Nice!

Today, Senator Leslie Cobb introduced Senate bill 7898, which addresses the issue of Environment - Prohibition of Excess Unused Cars in a Limited Space. "The bill is a good one because it is in the favor of communities and neighborhoods that want to have a good reputation and to look nice," said Senator Leslie Cobb. This bill is in order to prevent excess amounts of unused cars in limited spaces. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

Stop Reckless Drivers From Having Access To Public Roadways

Today, Representative Collins introduced House bill 3999, which addresses the issue of traffic safety. "The bill is a good one because it will give drivers the necessary confidence and security that they need to drive sucessfully," said Representative Greenawalt. This bill will ensure that reckless and incapable drivers are banned from using public roadways, by issuing knowledge and drive tests. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

Deleting,.. Not Adding!

Today, Senator Coolidge introduced Senate bill 5000, which addresses the issue of repealing the the amendment to the car seat law. "The bill is a good one because the amendment was unnecessary and ultimately only benefits the car seat companies ," said Senator Coolidge. This will help reduce the number of squished passengers who have to sit between car seats while driving with their family. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 1 11, 05.

Board game simulates bill process.

On Tuesday, pages played a board game designed to simulate for them the process by which a bill becomes a law in Washington State. They came to understand that only about ten percent of the bills that are introduced actually become laws. They also experienced the frustration of having a bill "die" in the middle of the process.



Less Germs In School Cafeteria

Today, Representative Catie Frazier introduced House bill 1008, which addresses the issue of Too many people getting sick from the school cafeteria. "The bill is a good one because it can reduce the number of people getting sick from the school's food," said Representative Catie Frazier. The

purpose of this bill is to have the people who make the school lunches to also serve it to the kids, instead of letting them serve it to themselves. That way it could reduce the amount of people who get sick from the food.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11th, 2005.

Speed Bumps Could Cause Problems

Today, Representative Kate Greenawalt introduced House bill 2118, which addresses the issue of Speed Bumps. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce the rate accidents because speed bumps are distracting to the driver," said Representative Collins. This bill will make it illegal to build speed bumps on streets unless speeding has become a major problem. Existing speed bumps will not have to be removed. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

I'm Just A Bill video provides review of bill process

After playing the Bill Process Game, pages viewed the video *I'm Just A Bill*. Many of them stated that they remembered viewing this in elementary school. This short video accurately illustrates all of the steps in the process.

Marijuana Legalized?

Today, Senator Emily Guo introduced Senate bill 7903, which addresses the issue of the medical use of marijuana. "The bill is a good one because it will help all the medical patients out there who are suffering due to the fact that any marijuana use right now is illegal," said Senator Emily Guo. This bill will make marijuana legal for medical purposes only. To ensure that no one is abusing this power, The Board of Medicinal Drug Safety will be set up, with the funds coming from a \$10 tax added to each person's healthcare bill. Anyone who is caught dealing/using marijuana illegally will be arrested, with the term depending on the severity of the crime. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Smoking In Cars: Should It Be Illegal?

Today, Senator Amanda Hull introduced Senate bill 8811, which addresses the issue of smoking in cars. "The bill is a good one because smoking in cars is distracting and unsafe," said Senator Amanda Hull. This bill states that smoking in cars should be illegal. It causes passengers to inhale the smoke, it pollutes the air, it distracts the driver, and it is a potential fire starter. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

Pages lobby their own bills

Pages practiced several lobbying techniques as they encouraged their colleagues to support their bills in committee hearings. They created posters, white papers, and speeches. In addition, pages completed media releases for this newsletter.



An Act To Get Rid Of The WASL

Today, Representative Adam Hutt introduced House bill 2422, which addresses the issue of Education. "The bill is a good one because it shows parents where their kids are in school," said Senator Adam Hutt. I want to get rid of the WASL, or let parents and teachers see the WASL. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

That's Just Gay!!

Today, Representative Jake Luplow introduced House bill 1853, which addresses the issue of gay marriage. "The bill is a good one because being homosexual is just gay," said Representative Jake Luplow. This bill prevents two people of the same gender from obtaining a marriage license. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 1/12/05.

Control Abuse No More!

Today, Senator Jonathan David Riggs introduced Senate bill 4002, which addresses the issue of Authority Control Abuse. "The bill is a good one because kids will finally get their chance to contradict unreasonable requests, and start living like adults," said Senator Riggs. This bill is one that will finally put an end to authority figures who think they know it all. Kids who are tired of feeling like a do it all with no fun workers, will now get to see those authority figures be brought to justice. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

Committees debate bills, vote

Pages participated in simulated committee hearings on Wednesday. They read their bills and 'committee' members, governed by the rules of parliamentary procedure, and debated the pros and cons of the bills. Amendments were proposed, some of which passed, most of which did not. When pages voted on bills, many ideas were passed on to an imagined legislative body.



Sex Education Bill

Today, Rep. Jillian Long introduced House bill 1444, which addresses the issue of Sexual Education in are school. "The bill is a good one because it betters the knowledge of are students about their sexual options," said Representative Jillian Long. This bill will teach both safe sex and abstinence and will provide the proper teaching for both. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

Reduce Music Volume

Today, Senator Chelsea Johnson introduced Senate bill 5329, which addresses the issue of the volume of Music in cars and houses. "The bill is a good one because It would limit the amount of noise that is an existing problem," said Senator Johnson. This Bill would fine people who have their music up too loud. It would also help in the reaction times of other drivers surrounding a car with loud music. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

Senator Karakas Wants To Ban Smoking In Public Buildings

Today, Senator Katie Karakas introduced Senate bill 7658, which addresses the issue of Smoking inside public buildings. "The bill is a good one because it is scientifically proven that 2nd hand smoke is a major cause of lung cancer among non-smokers," said Senator Karakas. Basically, this bill says that smoking inside a public building should be banned because of the major risk of 2nd hand smoke and the minor reason of the increased chance of a fire starting. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Snooze Or Lose

Today, Senator Kristie Ladner introduced Senate bill 7,986, which addresses the issue of education. "The bill is a good one because it backs our Paramount Duty of education for Washington State.," said Senator Ladner. Bill number 7,986 is a bill to enrich students' performance in school. Students' school times will be adjusted an hour depending on weather they are elementary or senior high school levels. Elementary will begin an hour earlier and high schools will begin an hour later. These new start times will also adjust the ending time of school. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12th, 2005.

Appropriate Drinking Age Is In Question

Today, Senator Sarah Lewis introduced Senate bill 6742, which addresses the issue of Underaged Drinking Laws. "The bill is a good one because when you are an adult, it should be your own choice when you want to start drinking alcohol," said Senator Sarah Lewis. The bill will make it legal for adults to drink once they are 18 or older, instead of having to wait until they are 21. Adults will also be permitted in bars, and allowed to purchase alcoholic beverages where sold. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Budget debate stirs emotions

Using actual state budget figures, pages debated how to balance the state's operating budget. Their task was to make up a \$2.65 billion deficit. "Is it always this hard?" asked a page as the debate intensified.



Students Have The Right To Possess Cell Phones

Today, Representative Levi Lindsey introduced House bill 2222, which addresses the issue of cell phones in schools. "The bill is a good one because our students have the right to possess, and often have need of operating, cell phones," said Representative Levi Lindsey. This bill gives all students in public schools the right to have and use cell phones in school. Cell phone usage while a student is actually in a class will still be limited at the teacher's discretion. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

No More McDonald's

Today, Representative Matthew Lobe introduced House bill 5002, which addresses the issue of Health. "The bill is a good one because It makes Washington a healthier state," said Representative Matthew Lobe. To limit the number of McDonalds in Washington because of health. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 1 12, 05.

Making It Illegal For Minors To Have Firearms

Today, Representative Priya Manion introduced House bill 1010, which addresses the issue of Making it illegal for minors to have any access to any kind of firearms. "The

bill is a good one because it reduces the amount of accidental shootings of minors and other people who play with guns like they were toys and actually hurt themselves," said Representative Priya Manion. Bill 1010 will make it illegal for minors to have access to any kind of firearms. It requires that if a gun that is owned by an adult and is kept in the same proximity of a minor has to be locked at all times and is only to be used by that adult who owns it. However, if an adult allows a minor to use it to either threaten or kill another minor and adult the gun will be confiscated, that adult will be arrested, or they will have to pay a fine depending on their offence and if it is a repeated offence. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12th, 2005.

Toll Taxing!

Today, Representative Amanda Melroy introduced House bill 1000, which addresses the issue of Tolling all Passageways on the border of Washington State.. "The bill is a good one because it keeps revenue inside Washington state. And can makes revenue from all visitors/," said Representative Melroy. This bill would tax all passageways, both leaving or entering the state. The tax is amounted by the local county sale tax as the minimum, where local governments have jurisdiction to raise the tax.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Jan 12, 2005.

Loud Music On? Shut It Off!

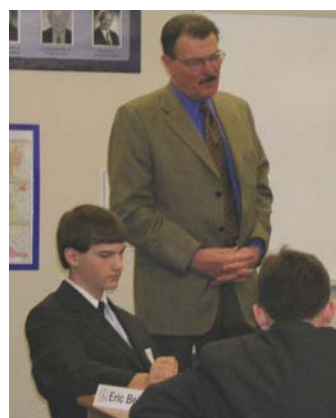
Today, Senator Alyssa Middleton introduced Senate bill 6295, which addresses the issue of loud sounds at night. "The bill is a good one because I believe that cutting down on loud noises will only cut down on hearing problems, but it will help people sleep better also," said Senator Alyssa Middleton. This bill gives people a curfew on the time that loud noises are unacceptable. There will be a certain ammount of free reign, but like everything else there has to be a set guideline. I believe this bill will make many, many people happy. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

The Cellular Dynasty Does Not Mix With Ford.

Today, Senator Tim Murphy introduced Senate bill 1337, which addresses the issue of Cell phones being used while in charge of any form of transportation. "The bill is a good one because it will cut down on car accidents and save lives," said Senator Tim Murphy. This bill will make it so that cell phones are no longer allowed to be used while in charge of a vehicle. Violaters will face up to a month in jall and/or a fine of \$101-\$200. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12th, 2005.

Dunshee, Fromhold, Hunt visit, speak, answer questions

Representative Hans Dunshee (D-44), Representative Bill Fromhold (D-19), and Representative Sam Hunt (D-22) joined the pages during their classes on Thursday. Each of them told students about how they came to be involved in politics and were elected to their offices, and they discussed issues they are working on during this session.



No Cell Phones

Today, Representative Nathan Nachatilo introduced House bill 2159, which addresses the issue of Driving when on a Cell Phone. "The bill is a good one because it will reduce accidents do to driver error," said Representative Nachatilo. When caught driving on a cell phone the offender will receive a ticket. Fines will be levied. The bill will become effective 1 day after signature by Governor. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Jan. 11, 2005.

Abort Abortion

Today, Representative Bethany Nylander introduced House bill 1789, which addresses the issue of making abortion illegal.. "The bill is a good one because our nation is not enforcing the law 'do not murder' by kidding themselves that the death of beings that will become innocent children is acceptable. We need to make it clear to the public that abortion is an act denying the right of another to live. We can do this through passing bill 1789," said Representative Nylander. This bill will make abortions illegal (except for those who have been proven to have been raped in a court of law. The bill would also demand for more profilactics to be available and for abstinence to be taught with more emphasis in public schools. Lastly, this bill will save so many lives and allow others to have a chance at life. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.



Making Abortion Illegal

Today, Representative Jessica Lauren Quan introduced House bill 1791, which addresses the issue of Making Abortion Illegal. "The bill is a good one because it prevents teen and young mothers from using this operation as a form of birth control from their wrong doings," said Representative Jessica Lauren Quan. Bill 1791 makes abortion illegal and if any doctor performs this operation on any woman they are sentenced to jail for six months and their license will be suspended for nine months. This bill does not apply to any woman that was proven of rape and if performing the birth leads to major medical dangers to the child or mother. If a doctor is proven to break this bill twice they will be sentenced to execution. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Pages celebrate, mingle at Thursday pizza party

Thursday afternoon, pages took a break from their regular duties and socialized with each other while eating pizza. This was an opportunity for House and Senate pages to mingle.

Every One Has A Place To Go, Now They Can Get There

Today, Representative Avery Reed introduced House bill 5247, which addresses the issue of Unifying the modes of public transportation. "The bill is a good one because it will simplify public transportation. Because it will be simplified, it will also become cheaper.," said Representative Avery Reed. This bill states that there shall be only two modes of public transportation in Washington state. The short distances shall be traveled on subways and the long distances shall be traveled on

light rail trains. All the technology we have at our disposal shall be used to cut down pollution. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Millions Healed From The Use Of Marijuana!

Today, Senator Caleb W. Rieger introduced Senate bill 5589, which addresses the issue of Drug legalization. "The bill is a good one because It may curb the amount of drugs on the street because if it's not illegal then maybe people won't want to do it as much.," said Senator Caleb W. Rieger. This bill will make many people extremely happy and will heal many people that are sick.. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on Jan. 12, 2005.

Homeschoolers' Tax Break?

Today, Senator Rachel Rowland introduced Senate bill 1234, which addresses the issue of homeschoolers taxes. "The bill is a good one because it gives homeschoolers a break from stuff they don't even use," said Senator Rachel Rowland. The bill will give homeschoolers relief to taxes that go to schools. Since they are not using the facilities Senator Rowland thinks they should get a 10% tax break per child schooling at home. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on 1 11, 2005.

Age of Legalization

Today, Senator Joe Saavedra introduced Senate bill 6879, which addresses the issue of Legal underage authorization using tobacco/ or drugs. "The bill is a good one because we should live in a safe environment from drugs that are harmful to the body," said Senator Joe Saavedra. This bill moves up the age of drug use to age of 21. With severe punishments for underage users that use drugs or trade drugs. and keeps us safe from second hand smoking . The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Children Shooters

Today, Senator Laura Stewart introduced Senate bill 5678, which addresses the issue of accidental shootings among minors. "The bill is a good one because it can save many innocent lives, if made a law," said Senator Laura Stewart. This bill simply explains that if a child's parent or guardian owns a gun, they must educate their child of the proper way to use it, and the consequences of using one. By the child being aware of this, they are less likely to be involved in an accidental shooting. This is because they know the dangers of using one, and if they are ever in a situation that involves a gun, they will know how to handle it. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Help Support Traffic Safety

Today, Senator Kristen Strand introduced Senate bill 1245, which addresses the issue of Transportation. "The bill is a good one because it helps the problem of traffic safety by reducing distractions while driving," said Senator Kristen Strand. Bill 1245 eliminates spinning, moving, and rotating objects from the rear of vehicles. These objects distract even the most careful drivers. Any person who places a spinning, moving, or rotating object behind the rear tires of their vehicle will have their drivers licenses revoked for a period of six months. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 14, 2005.

No More WASL In Public Schools!

Today, Representative Linton introduced House bill 1554, which addresses the issue of the WASL in public schools. "The bill is a good one because it will end the tiresome and worthless testing, and we can get all that money back that we have put into it," said Representative Tanner Linton. The bill will make it illegal for the school administration or the state to issue a test to the students of the public schools that will harm their graduation from high school or their standing in front of colleges. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative

committee on 1 11, 05.

Freshman Senator Introduces Bill

Today, Senator Turner introduced Senate bill 5234, which addresses the issue of offensive television shows. “The bill is a good one because it protects people from turning on the TV and suddenly finding themselves on an improper channel,” said Senator Regence. This bill would make it illegal to show improper things on regular television. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Jeopardy creates hit

On Friday, pages tested their knowledge of the Legislative process in a spirited game of jeopardy. Winning teams were awarded certificates and brightly colored stickers that they wore proudly for the rest of the day.

New Bill Saves Lives!

Today, Senator Lacey Ulinski introduced Senate bill 7777, which addresses the issue of Alcohol in tv ads. “The bill is a good one because It will lower injuries and deaths related to intoxication,” said Senator Lacey Ulinski. This bill will make it illegal for a company to advertise alcoholic products and beverages without a warning stating the possible effects and consequences caused by intoxication, such as car wrecks, injuries and death. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

New Way To Be Tried For Murder!

Today, Senator Johnston introduced Senate bill 9735, which addresses the issue of abortion. “The bill is a good one because it prevents women from committing murder and saves innocent lives,” said Senator Johnston. This bill will make it illegal to have or perform an abortion any person found guilty of having or performed an abortion will go to court and tried for murder, there is exceptions tho, any person who has been raped or a birth that would harm the mother is then allowed to have an abortion without punishment. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Bullying To Be Outlawed

Today, Senator Marcusallen Wells introduced Senate bill 6601, which addresses the issue of Early Learning, K-12 & Higher Education. “The bill is a good one because it decreases student suicides,” said Senator Marcusallen Wells. It makes children feel safe because of less bullying. Also because it will show that people care about the student. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 11, 2005.

Loud Or Offensive Music In Your Neighborhood?

Today, Senator Hans-Erik Wittig introduced Senate bill 5396, which addresses the issue of excessively loud or offensive music. “The bill is a good one because It reduces the amount of people who will play their music too loud especially in residential neighborhoods,” said Senator Hans-Erik Wittig. This bill, if put into law will decrease the number of complaints of loud music as well as offensive music which are so rampant in our communities. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on January 12, 2005.

Driving Permits for Fourteen year-olds

Today, Representative WRIGHT introduced House bill 1005, which addresses the issue of TRANSPORTATION. “The bill is a good one because MANY PEOPLE WANT IT TO HAPPEN,” said Representative WRIGHT. THIS BILL WILL ALLOW PEOPLE AT THE AGE OF FOURTEEN TO OBTAIN DRIVING PERMITS. The bill was heard before the Page School legislative committee on JANUARY 11, 2005.

Historical pages

Our legislature has employed pages for many years. These photos are of pages who served in past years. Does anyone know when girls were first allowed to be pages?

